

STATE OF MAINE
PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

June 22, 1999

TRESCOM USA, INC.
Request to Abandon Service
Docket No. 99-364

ORDER GRANTING
REQUEST TO ABANDON
SERVICE

PRIMUS TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.
Request to Approve Tariff Revision
Docket No. 99-396

ORDER APPROVING REVISED
TARIFF

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

On June 1, 1999, TresCom USA, Inc. filed a request to abandon service pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 1104(1). TresCom USA, Inc. (TresCom) was authorized to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 96-174. In support of its request, TresCom states that an affiliated Company, Primus Telecommunications, Inc., will continue to provide service to TresCom's current customers and that it will file a tariff containing TresCom's current rates for those customers. Primus was granted authority to provide interexchange service in Docket No. 96-485.

The request to abandon service is granted, as Primus will continue to serve TresCom's customers at TresCom's existing rates and because there are a large number of competitive telephone utilities available to provide service to TresCom's former customers.

Section 1104 allows the Commission to impose reasonable conditions or requirements on the abandonment of service. In cases where one carrier has transferred its customer base to another carrier that has different rates, we have required notice of the changes to the affected customers. Such notice is not necessary in this case.

Primus is not under any legal obligation to continue to provide any particular level of rates to the former customers of TresCom. As required by 35-A M.R.S.A. § 307, however, it must provide 30 days notice to the Commission of any rate change. In addition, Primus must provide notice to its customers, as required by Chapter 280, § 10 of an increase in any rates that is 20% or more (or cumulatively over the past year equal to 20% or more).

On June 17, 1999, Primus filed a revised rate schedule and terms and conditions, including an Original Page 11 stating that TresCom's former rates would apply to former TresCom customers. (The remaining pages contain only technical numbering changes). We approve the revised tariff in this Order.

Therefore, we

ORDER

1. That the petition of TresCom USA, Inc., to abandon service is granted; TresCom USA, Inc. shall abandon service effective on the date of the transfer of its customer accounts to Primus Telecommunications, Inc.
2. That the revised schedule of rates, terms and conditions of Primus Telecommunications, Inc. filed on June 17, 1999, are approved, effective on the date of this Order.

Dated at Augusta, Maine this 22nd day of June, 1999.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

Raymond Robichaud
Assistant Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR: Welch
Nugent
Diamond